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*Privacy Office, Mail Stop 0655*

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**SENT VIA E-MAIL TO: foia@americanoversight.org**

Austin Evers  
American Oversight  
1030 15th Street, NW  
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Washington, DC 20005

Re: **2019-HQFO-00275**

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated January 10, 2019, and received by this office on January 11, 2019. You are seeking all internal DHS email communications of the DHS officials specified below related to the publication of the press release, "MYTH/FACT: Known and Suspected Terrorists/Special Interest Aliens," on January 7, 2019. In addition, that DHS search the files of the following DHS officials for records responsive to this request: Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, Acting Deputy Secretary Claire Grady, Chief of Staff Chad Wolf, anyone serving in the capacity of White House Liaison or Deputy White House Liaison, Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Christine Ciccone, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs David Wonnenberg, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs Uyen Dinh, Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, Jonathan Rath Hoffman, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Press, Tyler Houlton, anyone serving in the capacity of Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategic Communications, and anyone serving on the behalf of any of those listed above such as a special or administrative assistant (Date Range for Record Search: From 1/1/2019 To 1/10/2019).

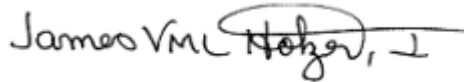
We conducted a comprehensive search of files within the Office of Chief Information Officer for records that would be responsive to your request. Unfortunately, we were unable to locate or identify any responsive records.

While an adequate search was conducted, you have the right to appeal this determination that no records exist within Office of Chief Information Officer that would be responsive to your request. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 90 days of the date of this letter, to: Privacy Office, Attn: FOIA Appeals, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane, SW, Mail Stop 0655, Washington, D.C. 20528-0655, following the procedures outlined in the DHS FOIA regulations at 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.8. Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Copies of the FOIA and DHS FOIA regulations are available at [www.dhs.gov/foia](http://www.dhs.gov/foia).

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact the analyst below who processed your request and refer to **2019-HQFO-00275**. You may send an e-mail to [foia@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:foia@hq.dhs.gov), call 202-343-1743 or toll free 1-866-431-0486, or you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison in the same manner. Additionally, you have a right to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) which mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. You may contact OGIS as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Provisions of FOIA allow DHS to charge for processing fees, up to \$25, unless you seek a waiver of fees. In this instance, because the cost is below the \$25 minimum, there is no charge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James V. Holzer, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

James Holzer  
FOIA Program Specialist